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WAS MEASURE
Reactionary Tendency Dominant for Awhile.
Private Wires to Principal Markets.
WAS TRADERS' CAMPAIGN
News of the illness of the King of England was an influence in the Early Dulness and Market Eased at the Close.

Investment Securities
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One Goes to the Cramps and Other to New York Shipbuilding Company.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 3.—The Navy Department has decided upon the award of contracts for the two 14-600-ton armored cruisers Tennessee and Washington. The bid of William Cramp and Sons, of Philadelphia, Pa., for two vessels at \$4,025,000 has been accepted. The plan of the Government shall be followed. In view of the fact that the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J., has the best equipped shipyard in the world, is the only large shipyard in the United States not now accustomed to naval work, and as this company was also the lowest bidder for two ships on the Government's plan, the second vessel has been awarded to it at the same price of \$1,035,000.

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At the Theatres.
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Kocian, the Bohemian violinist, will come to the Academy next Saturday week, February 14th. An effort is being made to induce the great artist to give matinee as well as a night concert in this city.
In the East and West Kocian has made a great sensation, and he will begin his Southern tour from this city. Seats may be ordered in advance, though the tickets will not be available until next Monday.
When the Bijou Comedy Company bids farewell to Richmond at the end of this week it will be good-bye to a most successful and popular troupe. The time this season will be spent in the big cities—New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, and others.